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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

UNPREDEP (S/1997/911 and Add. 1)

Iraq*

Other matters

Briefings by the Secretariat:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Cambodia

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	60th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/695) [16 (d)].

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

   (c) Amendments (A/52/L.63).

3 p.m.	61st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

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   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

   (c) Amendments (A/52/L.63).

2. Question of Palestine [36] :

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/ 35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571);

   (d) Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);

   (e) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50. L.51, L.52, L.53);

   (f) Amendment (A/52/L.59).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

12 noon-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Progress report by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.15 (item 97 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.19 (item 98 (f)); A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.11 (item 97 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.31 (item 97 (h))

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/ 52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)); A/C.2/ 52/L.5 (item 99 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.9 (item 99 (b)); A/C.2/ 52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.24 (item 95 (b)); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII), A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/ 20))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 153 (Human resources management (A/52/438, A/52/574, A/52/7, paras.107 to 112, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/2 and A/C.5/52/CRP.2), 143 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, A/52/ 426, A/52/464 and A/C.5/52/12) and 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/339 and Add.1 and A/52/575))

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on revised estimates in respect of items with which the Security Council is seized
2. Draft reports
3. International Law Commission: programme budget implications (A/C.5/52/23)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 3 December 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: DRAFTING GROUP ON PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACE-MAKING

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: COORDINATING BUREAU

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77
(Reform of the United Nations)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

As from 2 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	62nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	63rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Thursday, 4 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council from Monday 8 to Thursday 11 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 2 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

59th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35);*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);*

(c) *Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571);*

(d) *Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);*

(e) *Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50, L.51, L.52, L.53)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Botswana and the Gambia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The President informed the Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/52/L.49, L.50, L.51, L.52 and L.53 would be taken on the following day, Wednesday, 3 December, in the afternoon.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) *Trade and development*

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/L.23

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on this draft resolution would be taken at a later meeting.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(d) *International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.14 and L.35

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.35, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.14.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.14 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (d).

(f) *First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.30 and L.34

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.34, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.30.

The representative of the United States requested a suspension of the meeting.

Upon the resumption of the meeting the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The representative of China made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.30 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(i) *Cultural development*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.10 and L.33

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer

(Austria), introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.33, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.10.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.10 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (i).

Operational activities for development [99]

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.36

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.36, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.7.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.7 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

Action on of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that Algeria, an original sponsor of the draft, and Mauritania had inadvertently been omitted from the list of sponsors of the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), then introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1.

At the request of the United States, the draft resolution was put to the vote.

Statements in explanation of vote, before the vote, were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The representative of Jordan made a comment.

The draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.6/Rev.1 was then adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 124 to 2 with 13 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 101.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

United Nations common system [121]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions who orally presented the report of that Committee on the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Other matters

The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee of the decision taken by the General Assembly to allocate agenda item 160 (Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund) to the Fifth Committee.

The Chairman also drew the attention of the Committee to a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, which would subsequently be issued as document A/C.5/52/27.

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 48th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1997/232, p.10): under sub-item 112 (c), the paragraph under *Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73* should read as follows:

Statements with regard to the vote on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The representatives of Honduras, the Dominican Republic, the Niger and Papua New Guinea made statements with regard to the vote on the draft resolution.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Turkey, the United States, the Netherlands, Sweden, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, China, Switzerland, Chile, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Cyprus, Tunisia, Canada, Austria, the Republic of Korea, France, Germany, Spain, Japan, Portugal, Malta and Lebanon.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
1997 Organizational session — 217th meeting

Opening of the session

The 1997 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission was opened by the Chairman, H.E. Sr. Andelfo J. García (Colombia), who made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted its agenda for the 1997 organizational session as contained in document A/CN.10/L.41.

Review of the draft resolutions adopted by the First Committee at the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

The Commission reviewed draft resolutions A/C.1/52/L.11/Rev.1, as orally revised, A/C.1/52/L.18* and A/C.1/52/L.21, which had specific requests in connection with the work of the Commission in 1998.

Draft provisional agenda for the 1998 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission

The Commission adopted the draft provisional agenda for the 1998 substantive session, as contained in document A/CN.10/1997/CRP.6.

Organizational matters

The Commission decided that the 1998 substantive session would be held from 6 to 28 April 1998.

The Commission established three working groups to deal with the three substantive agenda items of the 1998 substantive session, as well as a Committee of the Whole to deal with any relevant issues.

The Commission decided to suspend its 1997 organizational session and to resume the session at a later date, in order to allow delegations to consult on the outstanding organizational matters.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1997

48th and 49th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Luxembourg (E/1990/6/Add.9).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [5]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations, done at Rome on 26 October 1961

Accession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms, done at Geneva on 29 October 1971

Accession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2 December 1997)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Accession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

International Day of Disabled Persons
(3 December 1997)

The observation of the International Day of Disabled Persons will take place *today*, 3 December 197, from 1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/3 of 14 October 1992. The observation will include the presentation of the message of the Secretary-General on the Day and reading of a "Proclamation" issued by the Office of the Mayor of New York City.

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with Department of Public Information, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will host a performance of traditional Japanese drumming - *Zuiho Daiko* in the Public Lobby immediately following the presentations officially observing the Day. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. as follows:

Today, 3 December	"Voices from Jerusalem" "On the Brink of Despair"
Thursday, 4 December	"Then and Now"
Friday, 5 December	"Seeds of War in Jerusalem"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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